#### GENERAL PLAN

#### MANNER OF ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT

The General Plan or any part or element thereof, and any amendment to such plan or any part or element thereof, shall be adopted in the following manner:

### A. <u>Public Hearing - Planning Commission</u>.

The Planning Commission shall hold at least one public hearing before approving a General Plan or any part or element thereof, or any amendment to such plan or any part or element thereof. Advanced notice of the hearing and the procedures for the conduct of the hearing shall be the same as those required by the Zoning Code for a code amendment.

- B. <u>Approval by Planning Commission Resolution</u>. The approval by the Planning Commission of the General Plan or any part or element thereof, or any amendment to such plan or any part or element thereof, shall be by the adoption of a resolution, endorsed by the chairman and Secretary of the Commission and transmitted to the City Council.
- C. <u>Public Hearing City Council</u>. Before adopting the General Plan or any part or element thereof, or any amendment to such plan or any part or element thereof, the City Council shall hold at least one public hearing. Advanced notice of the hearing and the procedures for the conduct of the hearing shall be the same as those required by the Zoning Code for a code amendment.
- D. Referral of Proposed Changes Back to Planning Commission. In adopting a General Plan or any part or element thereof, or any amendment to such plan or any part or element thereof, which has been approved by the Planning Commission, the City Council shall consider the recommendation of the Planning Commission. If the City Council intends to make major changes and take an action not considered by the Planning Commission, the changes shall be referred back to the Planning Commission for its recommendation. Planning Commission consideration of an alternative shall be construed liberally so as to allow the City Council to act on any one of a range of alternatives generally considered by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission shall report back to the City Council with their recommendation on the proposed changes within 45 days.

E. <u>Adoption by City Council - Resolution</u>. The adoption of the General Plan or any part or element thereof, or any amendment to such plan or any part or element thereof, shall be by resolution.

#### AMENDMENT PROCEDURES (GENERAL PLAN)

### City Amendments

- A. City-sponsored amendments to the General Plan shall be initiated by the City Council.
- B. In initiating action to amend the General Plan, the City Council shall direct the Planning Commission to set public hearings for such amendments as it deems appropriate.
- C. Prior to making its recommendation on the proposed General Plan amendments, the Planning Commission may do such research as it deems necessary to establish whether the proposed amendment warrants approval.

### **Property Owner Amendments**

A. Property owners may apply for an amendment to the General Plan, limited to changes to the land use designation and/or development limit for their property. Such request shall be made by the filing of an application on a form prescribed by the Planning Director along with the fee established by the City Council. If property that is the subject of an application is in more than one ownership, all the owners shall join in filing the application. The request should clearly set forth the reason for which the request is made and should contain information substantiating the need.

## Exception

Pursuant to Section 8 of City Council Resolution No. 2006-76, errors of fact, language consistency between elements and policies, calculations and/or scribe's errors in the General Plan text, exhibits, figures and plan map may be corrected without further amendment. All revisions made pursuant to Section 8 shall be reported to Planning Commission for affirmation.

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